

Seed vessels make their first appearance in three or four short pale coloured lines, placed obliquely on the under side of the lobe near its middle nerve on each side.

As the plant advances in growth, the seed vessels enlarge, turn brown, and, when burst, run together and cover the whole disk of the lobes with their brown dusty filaments, as in the Genus Acrostichum.

Spleenwort is said to grow in the chinks of old walls and rocks about Bristol plentifully.

The specimen from which my figure was taken, I had from a person who told me he brought it from the lime rocks near Malham Tarn, in the place mentioned by Mr. Ray; *see 3d synopsis, p. 118.*

ASPLENIUM.